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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – JANUARY 8, 2023



Jan. 10th – Jan. 14th

Tues. 8:30 am – Ed Choy Sp. Intention

Wed. 8:30 am – †

Thurs. Noon – Valentina Kondukova †

Fri. 8:30 am – Anthony & Cecilia Toscano †

Sat. 4:30 pm – Melwyn Pereira †

READINGS FOR – January 15th

1st Reading: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Gospel: John 1.29-34



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to use them, please complete a request form.

Please print your name and address for the first few weeks so that we can update our records. Thank you.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

As a new year begins, we would like to encourage you to consider switching to the pre-authorized giving plan. If you are currently signed up and you would like to increase your donation for 2023, please contact the office. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church.



TAX RECEIPTS



Tax receipts for donations made between January 1st - December 31st, 2022 will be available by the **end of February**. (Donations made on/after January 1st, 2022 will count towards next year's tax receipt.) All donations made on-line will be sent from the Archdiocese. As per the Archdiocese, donations for Masses offered are not tax deductible.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"We saw his star and have come to do the king homage."

The Magi are the central personages in today's feast of Epiphany. They were pagans who did not know the true God of the Jews. Yet that true God revealed to them that the King he had promised to the Jews had come. The expected Prince was born.

They came to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, expecting, of course, to find the city and the whole country rejoicing. Instead, they found suspicion and hatred in the reigning king—a hatred which in a few days turned to murder. Among the religious leaders they found knowledge of their past history, but utter indifference



as regards the present and the future. These leaders knew the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem; they must have realized that the Magi were very sure of the truth revealed to them—they would not have come such a long journey on a "fool's errand." In spite of that, the thought of going to Bethlehem with the Magi never entered their minds. These were the leaders who some years later refused to listen to Christ and in spite of his miracles refused to admit his claim that he was not only the promised Messiah, but the true Son of God. These were men who rejected him because he had mercy on sinners, and spoke of a future life. What they wanted from their Messiah was political power and earthly freedom and prosperity. Like Herod they ended with murder—the crucifixion of the "King of the Jews." The pagan king was not much worse than the indifferent leaders of God's Chosen People. Let us resolve to make the Magi our models, to follow them to Bethlehem and offer Christ all that we have and are.

"The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light".



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are actively organizing charitable events in support of our communities. With their ongoing efforts, we are providing meals, clothing and financial support to those in need.





CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend (Jan. 7th & 8th). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on January 14th & 15th. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our city. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.

WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

The Knights are collecting “refundable” beer, wine, liquor bottles and pop cans this weekend which will be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION OF CANADA

Effect Hope (The Leprosy Mission of Canada) is working towards the day when leprosy is eradicated. From now until of January 15 2023, we are collecting used postage stamps, especially Christmas and international stamps. The Leprosy Mission of Canada sells these stamps to collectors, using the monies collected for education, medicine and research. Please trim the stamps, leaving no less than ¼” and no more than ½” border. Please deposit stamps in the bin on the book shelf. Thank you.



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Nguyen

**Sunday, February 12, 2023
02:30 PM - 03:30 PM**

St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica, Toronto

As part of Marriage Sunday 2023 celebrations, Bishop Vincent Nguyen will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, especially those celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2023. The Mass will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12 at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto). All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

The Mass is open to all, but due to space restrictions those wishing to attend are asked to register online. Milestone anniversary celebrants will be assured of reserved seating. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass here: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.

Registration opens on December 9, 2022. Please visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage to register and to access resources for parishes and couples.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service 2023


**Sunday, January 22, 2023 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM
St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church
(73 Simcoe St., Toronto, ON, M5J 1W9)**

Join His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus Christ for the Church. This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Toronto’s Office for Promoting Christian Unity & Religious Relations with Judaism, and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches.

CONTACT FOR FURTHER DETAILS: Office for Promoting Christian Unity, ecumenical@archtoronto.org



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